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PERENNIAL PHLOX



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One of the most satisfactory of all perennials, and the backbone of the hot-weather garden, is the modern Hardy Phlox. Coming into bloom just when the heat is putting many things to sleep, the Phlox furnishes masses of bloom in a wide range of brilliant colors for weeks, and it is delightfully fragrant, too.

PLANTING-TIME

Planting may be done from April 1 to middle of May, and from September 1 till hard frost. When planted in the fall, they should be covered with some dry material, such as rye straw, etc., after the ground is frozen.

LOCATION

This is not an important item except in regard to dry or moist position. We must remember that dry weather may come any spring or summer, and although they are not easily discouraged, a prolonged drought may check them. So, taking the year through, a moist position is better than a dry one; but if water can be easily applied, location need not be considered. It is not advisable to plant under heavy shade trees, but shade from hedge or house is of great benefit to all lavenders, showing up color to best advantage.

BLOOMING SEASON

The blooming season is undoubtedly the most important item in the selection of a collection of Phlox. You will find listed, early, midseason, and late, in nearly all colors. So if one is looking for a select and comprehensive collection, covering from about the middle of July till well into September, care must be taken to select those varieties that cover the whole season.

CARE AND CULTIVATION

Perennial Phlox are not at all particular as to special care, but the better they are looked after, the better results are obtained. Do not have plants in one spot more than 3 to 5 years without resetting; but when you are ready to do it, and provided you wish to plant back to the same place, care must be taken to remove all loam where plants are. Then put some good rich loam back into the hole and you are ready to replant. Divide plants freely, either early autumn or early spring.

Care must be taken to cut off flower-spikes when blooms are gone, but do not cut to the ground. Take off flower-heads only, as more blooms will follow when pruned in this way. Especially, do not allow plants to seed, as seedlings degenerate badly; therefore trouble is avoided by removing spikes before seeds drop.

When frost has stopped all growth, cut stems to the ground; then collect all leaves and burn with the old stalks.

SPRAYING

Black-spot, mildew, and red spider will sometimes give trouble, but if leaves and old stems are burned after frost, as recommended, spraying may not be necessary, although, as a preventive, bordeaux or lime and sulphur should be used for mildew and black-spot, and Black-Leaf 40 for red spider.

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ALBION. Very large, tall panicles of pure white flowers with small lavender centers. Midseason. 20 cts. each; \$2.00 per doz.

AMERICAN LEGION. Tall and one of the last to bloom. Bright salmon-red, dark center. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

AMPHITRYON. Large, lavender and white flowers, shading to a dark center. Dwarf compact habit. Early. 50 cts. each.

ANTONIN MERCIER. Compact, round-headed panicles of dark lilac flowers, shading to white centers. Medium height. Early. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

B. COMTE. Tall, large panicles of rich royal purple. Late to bloom. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

BRUNETTE. Fine pyramidal panicles of large, cardinal-red flowers. Late. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

CAMERON. Large, clear delicate cameo-pink flowers. Dwarf habit. Early. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

CHARLES B. MERRILL. Large, pyramidal panicles of dark clear pink blooms, with light centers. Tall and late blooming. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

CREPUSCULE. Dwarf, rounded panicles of very large lilac flowers, shaded lighter toward margins, and with very large crimson centers. Midseason. 35 cts. each; \$3.50 per doz.

CZARINA. Medium-sized, pure white flowers in tall, large panicles. A late bloomer. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

DAILY SKETCH. Immense panicles of very large, pale pink flowers with big distinct carmine centers. Midseason. 50 cts. ea.

DAWN. Beautiful, delicate shell-pink flowers of good size in medium-sized panicles. Dwarf habit. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

DOLLY. Pale salmon-pink flowers with light centers on compact, dwarf, broad panicles. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

E. I. FARRINGTON. Large flower and panicle, shell-pink shaded salmon, with white center. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

ELIZABETH CAMPBELL. One of the best pink Phloxes. Large, clear salmon-pink flower, shading to a large white center. Dwarf and early. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

EUGENE DANZANVILLIERS. Panicle of medium height and size, light lavender, with lighter center. One of the first to bloom. 35 cts. each; \$3.50 per doz.

FRAU ANTON BUCHNER. Very large, pure white flowers in big panicles of medium height. Midseason. 35c. each; \$3.50 per doz.

GENERAL CHANZY. Tall variety with handsome dark foliage and large panicles of salmon-red flowers with dark centers. 35 cts. each; \$3.50 per doz.

JAMES BENNETT. A tall variety with good-sized panicles of pale pink blooms having large, dark centers. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

L'ESPÉRANCE. American Origin. Light lavender-pink, paler center. Midseason. 20 cts. each; \$2.00 per doz.

L'ESPÉRANCE. French Origin. Dark lilac, large white center. Medium height. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

LILIAN. A very beautiful pale salmon-pink Phlox of medium height. A pleasing variety. Midseason bloomer. 50 cts. each.

LOUIS GANNE. Very large, dark rose flowers with purple centers. Midseason. 50 cts. each.

LOVELY. A charming combination of pink and white. Good-sized flowers and large panicles. Early. 50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.

MAID MARION. Light lavender blooms, shading to light centers. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

MIA RUYS. Broad panicles of very large, pure white flowers. Dwarf habit. Midseason. 50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.

MICHAEL BUCHNER. Tall, large panicles of light and dark purple blended blooms, with dark centers. Late bloomer. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

MISS LINGARD. (Suffruticosa.) A June-flowering Phlox of distinct habit. Compact panicles of fine form. White blooms with pale pink centers. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

MME. PAUL DUTRIE. Light delicate pink, shading to white. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

MME. P. LAUGIER. Tall, large panicles of bright salmon-pink blooms with dark centers. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

MRS. E. C. REA. Tall, large panicles of white and salmon-pink flowers, beautifully blended, deepening in color as the season advances. Late. 50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.

MRS. JENKINS. Medium-sized, pure white flowers. Early. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

MRS. MILLY VAN HOBOKEN. Very large, clear pink flowers. Early to bloom. 35 cts. each; \$3.50 per doz.

NAHATAN. New dark purple Phlox with very large flowers. Midseason. 50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.

PINK BEAUTY. Very large pyramidal panicles of medium-sized pale pink flowers. Distinct and attractive. Late. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

PROGRESS. New. A very pleasing and attractive shade of deep lavender-blue. Medium-sized panicles and large flowers. Comes into bloom early in August. 50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.

ROSE PEARL. It is hard to describe this pretty kind. The flowers are white, with delicate pink shading, and conspicuous dark centers. Midseason. 35 cts. each; \$3.50 per doz.

R. P. STRUTHERS. One of the most attractive varieties. Blooms rich rose to salmon-pink, with dark centers. Medium height and early to bloom. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

SALMON GLOW. Large panicles of good-sized glowing salmon-pink flowers with centers of white and lilac. Midseason. 35 cts. each; \$3.50 per doz.

SAISON LIERVAL. Large, broad, pyramidal panicles of pure white blooms, with distinct small crimson centers. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

SPECIAL FRENCH. Very large, delicate lilac-pink flowers with large, crimson centers. A fine variety. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

WIDAR. Large, purple-violet flowers with conspicuous big white centers. Midseason. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

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